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SUBJ: QUITO MFM 9 - EXPLANATION OF VOTE - BRAZILIAN FONMIN
SILVEIRA

1. SLIVEIRA EXPLAINED BRAZIL'S ABSTENTION BY FOCUSING ON THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION, NOTING THAT REFERENCE TO THAT PRINCIPLE HAD BEEN INCORPORATED IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL AT BRAZIL'S INSISTENCE. FOR BRAZIL, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE 9TH MFM SHOULD BE LIFTED IS NOT PRIMARILY DETERMINED BY THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SCENE, BUT BY THE CONDUCT OF CUBA IN TERMS OF THE 1964 RESOLUTION, AN EVALUATION OF WHICH IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE. THERE HAD BEEN NO EVIDENCE PRODUCED AT THIS MEETING SHOWING THAT CUBA HAS CHANGED; RATHER, SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAVE DEMONSTRATED SUPPORT FOR THE OPPOSITE CONCLUSION.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE PREDOMINANT OBJECT OF THIS MEETING WAS NOT THE QUESTION OF LIFTING SANCTIONS BUT THE PRESERVATION OF CONTINENTAL SOVEREIGNTY AND THE REINVIGORIZATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.
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MANY OF THE GOVERNMENTS HERE BELIEVE THAT FAILURE TO

COMPLY WITH RIO TREATY OBLIGATIONS CONTRIBUTES TO ITS DEBILITATION, AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE CONTINENTAL COMMUNITY. BRAZIL UNDERSTANDS THIS PRE-OCCUPATION, BUT BELIEVES THAT IF THE PROVISIONS OF THE RIO TREATY REQUIRE MODIFICATION OR REINTERPRETATION TO MAKE IT MORE ADEQUATE FOR TODAY'S WORLD, THE PROPER FORUM FOR THIS IS THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM MEETING IN WASHINGTON. WE BELIEVE THE RIO TREATY IS A USEFUL AND NECESSARY PACT FOR INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS, AND BRAZIL HAS HERE AVOIDED A NEGATIVE VOTE BECAUSE SUCH A VOTE MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO THE DIVISIONS WHICH SEPARATE THE MEMBERS.

3. FOR BRAZIL, IN ADDITION TO THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION, THE MOST IMPORTANT RESULT OF THIS MEETING IS THE FACT THAT A SPIRIT OF FRANK UNDERSTANDING PREVAILS AMONG US, MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE OCCASIONAL DIFFERENCES AMONG US.
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